

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re Application of
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App. No.: 10/709217
Filed: April 22, 2004
Conf. No.: 3216
Title: CONTROL METHOD FOR
MOVING RACKS
Examiner: J. Lanx
Art Unit: 3635
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATUS LETTER

Dear Sir:

The Official Gazette, dated August 15, 2006, shows the oldest case awaiting action in this Art Unit is dated April September 8, 2004 which is nearly 5 months later than the filing date of this case. Please advise when we may expect an Action on the merits in this case. In response to a Status Letter, dated April 23, 2006, I was advised that it might be 18 months before an action is forthcoming which is totally at odds with the OG notice mentioned above.

Respectfully submitted:


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